

Hole 9. 293 yards, par 4. 50 yds. of rough in front of tee; then fairway to well-trapped elevated green.

Total yardage 3,017, par 35.

The large amount of rough in front of almost every tee practically kills any topped shot. Where on many courses a topped ball will roll from 100 to 200 yds., on the Saltville course most topped balls come to rest 25 yds. from the tee in very deep and thick rough. The flat damp course gives little roll and the rough is really rough—thick bluegrass. These natural hazards make the course far from easy, as attested by a 78 (for 18 holes) turned in by the only professional who has played the course, and a record of 80 for club members.

One-Man Crew is Sufficient.

One man maintains the course except when weeding or topdressing is being done. This is possible only because of power operated machinery—rough, fairway and greens mowers being operated by gasoline engines. When we first put the 9-hole course into play it took a man a full day to cut the greens by hand—with a power mower he does this in 3 hours.

His time is occupied about as follows:

	Hrs. per week
<i>Fairways—Cut twice a week</i>	14
<i>Greens—Cut 3 times</i>	9
<i>Rough—Cut once a week</i>	9½
<i>Tees, Approaches</i>	5
<i>Topdressing, weeding, nursery, repairs</i>	15
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	52½

During the winter the groundkeeper repairs all machinery, and also finds time to plant and work a nursery in which we now have more than 1,000 seedling evergreens and shrubs which will be used in beautifying the course. Likewise, topdressing is prepared during the winter for the following year, drainage repaired and enlarged.

We have but 20 members. No dues are charged but each player contributes \$5.00 per month for maintenance.

We do not have a championship course, but we do have one of which we are proud and one which we take pride in showing to any visitor. The course is open to everyone, but as we are off the main highway of travel our green-fee collections will not amount to \$100 a year. But a 3,000 yard golf course for the use of but 20 members! Try and beat that!

Massachusetts Short Course Runs January 4 to March 14

MASSACHUSETTS State College's sixth winter school for greenkeepers is scheduled to open January 4, and close March 14, 1932. Registrations have been received from the mid-west, south to Virginia, New York, and the New England states.

Courses to be given are the same as last year, namely: Grasses, Soils, Cost Keeping and Analysis, Equipment, Botany, Drainage, Water Systems, Managerial Problems, and Landscape Appreciation. The duration of the course is ten weeks. Better equipment and laboratory space is to be provided and an exceptionally well balanced program of outside speakers is being arranged.

The winter course for greenkeepers at the Massachusetts State College now has over ninety graduates. A number of these graduates have applied for a course giving advanced work and an opportunity for directed problem study. As the State College was first to offer a school for greenkeepers, so it is going to be the first to offer an advanced school for greenkeepers.

The advanced school will be conducted at the same time as the regular school, and will be open only to those who have graduated from the regular school. Enough applications have already been received to make the course a very promising one. The two schools will bring together for the 10 weeks, 35 men whose ages will vary from 22 years to 50 years, and experience in golf course maintenance from two years to 20 years.

These schools are conducted by the Short Course department, R. H. Verbeck, director, and are under the immediate supervision of Professor Lawrence S. Dickinson.

Public Play Over Private Links for Richmond Charity Fund

THREE OUTSTANDING private clubs of the Richmond (Va.) district, Hermitage, Lakeside and C. C. of Virginia, pulled off a novel stunt during November as their contribution to the local community chest fund. The links of these exclusive organizations were thrown open on announced days for play by the general public. A uniform green fee of \$1.00 was charged.

According to news accounts, the public responded heartily.